While formulating its recommendations on price policy, the CACP considers a number of important factors including cost of production, changes in input prices, input/output price parity, trends of market prices, demand and supply situation, etc.

The cost of production/cultivation taken into account includes all paid-out costs as well as imputed value of owned assets including land and family labour. The estimates of cost of production are generated at state level. The relative weights of various elements going into the cost of production would be different among States and years.

Farm products

1347. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite heavy input the productivity of farm products, specially milk, pulses, oilseeds, fruits, vegetables, fish and animal products except eggs and poultry has not shown any significant improvement leading to heavy off and on imports;

(b) whether this represents failure of R & D set up and programmes;

(c) whether it is a fact that part of the problems has been disjointed due to multifarious agencies doing the same jobs without any coherence as in case of oilseeds and milk; and

(d) whether an indepth case study would be undertaken in case of milk projects to judge whether the massive investments made were justified, specially since 1970?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) :(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Pending Project Proposals of Karnataka

1348. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether decision on five project proposals from Karnataka in relation to watershed management, Biotech, products etc have been pending for considerable time and if so, reasons thereof, project-wise indicating when decision on each would be finalised in view of their importance and

(b) whether Government would also support various other state Governments in undertaking projects aimed at sustainable agriculture development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Production of cotton

1349. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of cotton in the country during the current year and what is the share of Andhra Pradesh therein; and

(b) what is the running price of cotton since last October upto the beginning of the present season, monthwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The final estimates of production of cotton during 1991-92 have not yet become due from the States. However, as per the current assessment the total production of cotton during the current year is expected to be about 9 lakh bales of 170 Kgs. each. The production of cotton in Andhra Pradesh during the current year is expected to be about 12.5 lakh bales which would be about 12.8 per cent of the all-India production.

(b) A Statement giving month end wholesale prices of raw cotton (Kapas) at selected centres is annexed.

[*See* Appendix CLXIII, Annexure No. 25